[Now let us have three cheers to knit, &c.]

Heads.

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1. Indebted to Sir Harcourt Johnstone for his very complimentary reception.

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2. I am no stranger to England. — This is my fifth visit, commencing as early as 1833, and covering a period of 44 years.

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3. Three times for anti-slavery purposes — the fourth, to announce the complete liberation, &c. Now I have come to see again old friends and co-workers, but with special reference to the state of my health.

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4. I have been asked, what are now my impressions of England, as contrasted with those of an earlier period: —

(1) Decrease of visible beggary and intemperance, & consequently, an increase of general comfort and order.

(2) The cause of popular education wonderfully advanced — & the growing conviction that there is nothing so costly and dangerous as ignorance — nothing so inexpensive & safe as intelligence.

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(3) The extension of the elective franchise — 700,000 by the Reform Bill of 1867 — as large a number soon to enjoy that right by the adoption of the County Franchise Bill.

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(4) Another marked step of progress in the enfranchisement of women property holders in municipal affairs.

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(5) In the strong claim for parliamentary representation — Victoria.

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(6) In the growth of sentiment on the temperance question.

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(7) In the moral uprising against C. D. A.

(8) England never before on so high a scale.

Legislation of religious intolerance.